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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS
(Home-1 Branch)
NOTIFICATION

The 11th December, 2024

No. Home-HM-10/RDSF/1/2023-5H1/2418.- Whereas it is observed that over a period of time, the safety and security of road users on Punjab's critical highways have become a significant concern and there is an urgent need to effectively monitor and enforce traffic regulations, prevent accidents, and ensure smooth traffic flow on highways. So the Governor of Punjab is pleased to constitute the **Sadak Surakhiya Force (SSF)** headed by an Additional Director General of Police (Traffic and Road Safety).

2. The Sadak Surakhiya Force would dedicate itself to the following objectives as noted below:
- To diligently monitor and enforce traffic regulations in accordance with the provisions stipulated under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, its amendments, and pertinent rules framed thereunder, on the roads and highways of Punjab.
 - Within the purview of the Punjab Police Act, 2007, operational functions are executed with a primary focus on traffic management and road safety, guaranteeing alignment with the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988, and its amendments. These endeavours encompass robust enforcement of traffic statutes to preserve order, safeguard public welfare, and foster compliance with statutory mandates pertaining to road safety.
 - To expeditiously provide immediate assistance and emergency response to victims of road accidents, in strict compliance with prescribed protocols and regulations.
 - To effectively conduct public awareness and education campaigns on road safety, aimed at instilling safe driving practices among citizens, in accordance with statutory mandates.
 - To meticulously devise strategies, measures, and methodologies for the enforcement of traffic laws, the prevention of road accidents, and the provision of aid to stranded motorists.
 - To actively coordinate with pertinent national-level agencies to ensure the efficient enforcement of traffic laws and the implementation of road safety measures, as per statutory directives.
 - To collaborate and engage in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and joint research endeavours, with the objective of enhancing overall road safety on highways through a proactive approach across pre-crash, in-crash, and post-crash scenarios.

3. In its endeavour to achieve the stated objectives, the Sadak Surakhiya Force would pursue the following approach with regard to enforcement of relevant laws and its broad functions would be as follows

- i. Management, Regulate and control road traffic 24/7, with a particular emphasis on late-night and early-morning hours to address peak accident times.
- ii. Develop and act on actionable intelligence to enforce traffic laws and related regulations, ensuring traffic management and road safety using scientist methods.
- iii. Guide, supervise, and coordinate district police and law enforcement units to enforce road safety measures and traffic regulations effectively.
- iv. Coordinate with various agencies at the State level like Public Works Department (B & R), Department of Local Government, Rural Development, Health Department etc and at level of Government of India including the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, National Highway Authority of India, and other relevant bodies for effective enforcement of traffic laws and road safety measures.
- v. Operate and command the Sadak Surakhiya Force using data-driven strategies for real-time policing of traffic violations and road safety issues.
- vi. Conduct crash investigations and implement the Intelligent Road Accident Database (iRAD) and Electronic-Daily Accident Report (e-DAR) systems across the state in coordination with Police Station/District Police.
- vii. Deploy on highways and collaborate closely with the Highway Patrol to ensure seamless coordination and effective enforcement.
- viii. Receive training in first aid and emergency care, serving as first responders during accidents or emergencies.
- ix. Address road accident black spot management or corridor management through proactive enforcement to ensure the effective handling of accident-prone areas.
- x. Coordinate with toll road operators to facilitate smooth traffic flow and enforce toll regulations effectively.
- xi. Take measures to create a mass sentiment against unsafe driving behaviours and enlist the support of the public for efficient and effective law enforcement.
- xii. Receive specialized training in techniques to ensure the safety of vulnerable road users, including pedestrians, motorcyclists, and cyclists, and implement target hardening techniques to reduce accidents involving these road users.
- xiii. Utilize cutting-edge traffic enforcement equipment such as interceptors, speed radars, alcometers, e-challan machines, night vision speed checking equipment, hydraulic cutters for rescuing accident victims, and a fleet of recovery vans and cranes strategically deployed at key locations.
- xiv. Engage in public awareness campaigns, workshops, and competitions to promote safe driving habits and road safety solutions.
- xv. Take assistance and collaborate under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives and joint research efforts to enhance road safety.
- xvi. Maintain a robust presence on social media platforms to disseminate road safety tips, updates, and engage with the public through designated media channels.
- xvii. Work in coordination with district police and other police units to supervise the registration and investigation of road accident cases under the charter of SSF.
- xviii. Recommend disciplinary and/or criminal action against police, transport, and other department officials found involved in negligence or unlawful activities related to road safety that come to its notice.
- xix. Collect technical/human intelligence and maintain surveillance in accordance with existing provisions of law, plan, and execute special operations for road safety through special SSF teams and in association with other units of Punjab police as well as other departments of the government.

- xx. Coordinate the work of government departments regarding the above charter as per instructions of the government issued from time to time.
 - xxi. Commission or conduct data analysis and make recommendations to the government for necessary policy changes as association with Punjab Road Safety and Traffic Research Centre, established under the Punjab Police Act 2007.
 - xxii. Train the staff of Police, Transport, and other Departments for their effective participation in road safety initiatives. Additionally, train village/community volunteers to ensure that road safety norms are observed in rural and urban areas alike.
 - xxiii. One of the points in the long run will be to establish Traffic & Road Safety Police Stations in the State, as and when they have been established, the SSF will work in association with the local police under the provisions of relevant traffic and road safety laws. ADGP Traffic & Road Safety may move proposals to the DGP, Punjab for approval to hand over, transfer, and take over the investigation of any case related to road safety offenses from the local police.
 - xxiv. Establish Technical Units, Command and Control Centres as per requirement from the existing resources of the Traffic and Road Safety Wing of the Department of Police or from other sources, with the approval of the Government.
 - xxv. Prepare manuals and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for SSF operations and publish traffic and road safety data to facilitate informed decision-making and promote transparency in enforcement efforts.
 - xxvi. Ensure the Sadak Surakhiya Force is provided with arms and ammunition, technical gadgets, and other special equipment, if any, by the Department of Police.
 - xxvii. Utilize Kot/Malkhana/Stores for the maintenance and storage of weapons/equipment.
 - xxviii. Ensure the resource support including men, material, and machines required by the Sadak Surakhiya Force is provided by the Department of Police.
 - xxix. Ensure the officers and staff provided to the Sadak Surakhiya Force draw their salaries and other allowances from their respective parent departments.
 - xxx. Raise additional demand for resources with the state finance department through the department of home affairs and justice, if required.
 - xxxi. The Sadak Surakhiya Force would be provided dedicated staff by the Department of Police to carry out its tasks.
4. The Sadak Surakhiya Force will act an integral component of the Punjab Police, operates under the purview of the Punjab Road Safety and Traffic Wing, overseen by the ADGP (Traffic and Road Safety) Punjab as per the directive outlined in office order no. 2477-79/Con.SA-1(1) dated 05/02/2024 by the DGP (HoPF) Punjab, the supervision of SSF falls under the jurisdiction of ADGP, Traffic, Punjab. The operational administration of SSF is led by the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP-SSF), with support from SPs (Operations) and SPs (Headquarters) for field and administrative duties, respectively. Assisting them are two Zonal DSPs stationed in Ludhiana and Amritsar, tasked with overseeing the operations of eight SSF ranges. Implementation of directives issued by DGP (HOPF)/ADGP (T&RS)/SSP (SSF), Punjab, is mandated for SPs and DSPs of SSF in their designated jurisdictions. Furthermore, each SSF Range is under the supervision of Range Inspectors, with detailed staffing information provided in the annexure.
5. The operational structure of the SSF shall be as notified from time to time in view of emerging road safety challenges.

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